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TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS IN SECOND DISTRICT RECEIVE \$52 MILLION FROM MTA BOARD

LOS ANGELES – Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas today applauded the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) for awarding a total of \$52 million to 21 projects in the Second Supervisorial District, including \$4.4 million for projects that will serve the area around the new Martin Luther King, Jr. Hospital.

The money was approved by the MTA Board of Directors through a competitive process in which discretionary capital transportation funds are distributed to regionally significant projects.

“This investment by Metro in the Second District is significant and will improve mobility and the quality of life in the region because congestion has a profound impact on the everyday lives of residents,” said Supervisor Ridley-Thomas, who sits on the MTA Board.

The allocations include \$3.4 million for pedestrian improvements for the new Multi-Service Ambulatory Care Center at the hospital. The project will fund pedestrian enhancements, including widening sidewalks and relocating signals to expand the usable width of the affected sidewalk.

The project will also install a curb extension at the existing mid-block crosswalk next to the Augustus Hawkins Mental Health Center.

Additional improvements include: the installation of raised medians and landscaping; street trees; street furniture; bus shelters; trash receptacles; community monument sign with lighting and reconstruction of pavement; crosswalks with color Portland cement concrete; uplifted sidewalks; and installation of interlocking permeable pavers.

The MTA also allocated \$456,115 for bikeway improvements. This project is located in the County of Los Angeles along Willowbrook Avenue near the Rosa Parks Metro Blue Line Station.

Another \$532,064 was allocated to install infrastructure and signage as part of a larger project including pedestrian improvements, the addition of bikeways, and streetscape in the Willowbrook community, centered on the Rosa Parks Metro Blue Line Station.

For a complete list of projects visit the link below:

http://www.metro.net/board/Items/2009/09_September/20090916P&PItem9.pdf

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